

Amendments to the Drawings:

Replacement Sheets for Figures 1-5 are attached hereto.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of this application, as amended.

By this Amendment, Claims 36-82 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and new Claims 83-129 are presented for examination. Claims 1-35 were previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, Claims 83-129 are pending. The abstract and the drawings have also been amended as requested in the Office Action.

Applicants respectfully submit that new Claims 83-129 address the Examiner's objections and rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 and 112 as discussed in the Office Action, and are believed to be in conformance with all applicable rules under U.S. practice.

Support for new Claims 83-104 is provided at, for example, paragraphs [0046], [0049], [0054], [0085], [0086], [0095], [0104], [0107], and [0109], and also Figure 1. Support for new Claims 105-118 is additionally provided at, for example, paragraph [0048]. Support for new Claims 119-129 is additionally provided at, for example, paragraph [0185].

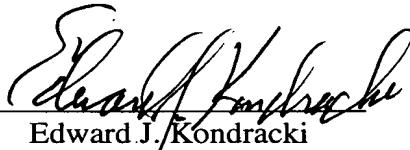
Accordingly, an action on the merits is respectfully requested.

A prompt Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that any further action is necessary to place this application in better form for allowance; the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (T2147-908626) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

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